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conducting preliminary hearings which I think he is currently limited to.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much, Senator Cavanaugh. I had no idea that this amendment was coming on LB 669. I am not sure whether it is a heavy amendment or whether it is just to help for Douglas County. I am attempting to find out. Nobody has talked to me about this at all. I don't know what a referee is and I don't know what an associate judge is and I believe that when we added this to 669 we did it really rather rapidly without any complete explanation because the amender, at this time, is not sure what a referee or an associate judge is either. It would be my move to return this for the specific amendment to strike the Cavanaugh amendment with the understanding that when we get it straight what it is that I certainly would support putting the Cavanaugh amendment back on on the basis that it does nothing that would impede this very simple procedure of allowing Hall County, Scottsbluff County to hold elections, to get juvenile courts for our families in our communities. This may be a severe amendment. It may not, but as of this day, let's bring it back and take it off and put it on when we understand it. I move we return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I am perfectly happy to discuss it in greater detail with Senator Kelly. I would have been happy to if he'd have come and asked me about it but I took this because the court in Omaha said that they felt that this would help them with their work load and expedite the administration of their court and I took them at their word and I am sorry I didn't do, perhaps, sufficient personal research on it. There is a difference between the powers of a referee and he is limited to doing things that they apparently found they couldn't efficiently run the court. It is no big deal with me and if Senator Kelly wants to... thinks I am sneaking something by on him or trying to revolutionize the juvenile courts, I am not. I am not intending to and I don't think that it is any big deal. So do, really, whatever you want with it and, Senator Kelly, I am sorry you didn't want to come and talk to me about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, again I want to emphasize how slipshod we are sometimes when we pass an amendment or perhaps a bill, even. Here again this came in this morning when we weren't perhaps too alert and we passed the thing without knowing what it was. Now I do compliment Senator Cavanaugh for at least having it in the Journal, but as Senator Kelly pointed out, we went ahead and passed the thing without knowing the difference between an associate judge and a referee and, frankly, I don't know either. But I really think we ought to be a little more careful sometime like this and I wholeheartedly support the motion to bring it back.